lation of a 'Catalytic Reformer' to manufacture gasoline; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and by when and where the project is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) IOC have submitted two proposals for installing Catalytic Reformer each at their Digboi and Barauni refineries having capacity of 70,000 TPA and 2,50,000 TPA respectively, in pursuance of the government directives to reduce the lead content in the gasoline as well as to meet the future demand of gasoline. The preliminary estimates show that Catalytic reformers at Digboi and Barauni refineries are expected to cost about Rs. 30.50 crores and Rs. 79.29 crores respectively. The projects are likely to take about 42 months for mechanical completion from the date of investment decision.

LPG Dealership in Andhra Pradesh

2985. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dealerships/agencies for LPG petrol pumps and kerosene of Indian Oil Corporation and other oil companies allotted during the period from January, 1986 to June 31, 1988 under the reserved and general categories in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the number of agencies and dealerships allotted to Scheduled Castes/Tribes during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The number of LPG distributorships, (Petrol/diesel) retail outlet dealerships and SKO-LDO agencies allotted by the oil companies during the period from January, 1986 to June, 1988 in Andhra Pradesh are indicated below:

	Reserved categories	Open/General category	Total
LPG ditributorship	25	10	35
(Petrol/Diesel) Retail outlet dealerships	42	40	82
SKO-LDO agencies	5	4	9

(b) The number allotted to members of the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes during the above period is indicated as follows:

LPG distributorships . .	9
Petrol/diesel Retail outlet dealerships	23
SKO-LDO agencies . .	5

Pending application for LPG connections

2986. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications for LPG connections are pending in Andhra Pradesh district-wise as on date;

(b) how many such applications are pending for more than two years, district-wise; and

(c) what are the expansion plans for LPG network in Tamil Nadu in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The information is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below)

(c) New LPG connections are being released by the oil industry all over the country, including in Tamil Nadu in a phased manner under its annual programme for enrolment of customers, sub-